

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## Students plan fundraiser for injured football player

By The Breeze staff

On Sept. 24, McLouth High School football player Trevor Roberts suffered a compound fracture in his lower left leg during a game in Bel Aire against Sunrise Christian Academy.

As a result of the injury, Roberts had to have the leg amputated just above the knee. To

show support, a pair of seniors at Sunrise is organizing a walk to raise money to help Roberts in his recovery.

Kip Wedel and Kayla Beckham are hosting the walk Nov. 13 at Sunrise, 5500 E. 45th North.

Wedel said registration for the walk will start at 8 a.m.

Wedel said she and Beckham

initially had planned a walk to raise money to help people in the African nation of Zambia get fresh water, but the focus of the event changed when they heard of Roberts' situation.

"We think it should be a pretty good turnout," Wedel said.

For more information on the walk for Roberts, contact Sunrise at 744-9262.



### New schools

State and local school board officials break ground on the new USD 259 high school and K-8 school Oct. 25 at 53rd North and Rock Road in Bel Aire. Part of the \$370 million bond issue, the schools are expected to open in 2012.

Matt Heilman

## Bel Aire turns 30



Bel Aire Council members attended the Friday night, July 25 meeting of A.L.A.R.M. held in the Knights of Columbus. The first Bel Aire council and Mayor Bill Brookhouser stand for a photo with former Kansas Attorney General Robert Stephan at a Sedgwick County meeting in Derby in 1981.

## City's future is shaped by its past



CITY OF BEL AIRE MAYORS  
1980 - 2001  
Back Row: Harold Smith, Lyle Ackerman, Gary O'Neal  
Front Row: Charles Eaton, Bill Brookhouser, Dale Walter



Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith has served his current position before. In addition to being one of six mayors in Bel Aire in 30 years, Smith has served on the city council.

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire is ready to celebrate its 30th birthday, and it has plenty to celebrate.

Looking back to Nov. 26, 1980, a lot has changed. Pastureland has turned into developments and what once was considered nothing more than a housing development on the fringes of Wichita is a viable, tax-collecting, self-governing community.

Several individuals who saw Bel Aire win a fight for incorporation from the City of Wichita in 1980 are still around to talk about it today.

Among the group that played a part in shaping Bel Aire's early history is a pair you can find at City Hall — Mayor Harold Smith and utilities clerk Betty Martine.

Smith was a council member on the city's second city council.

This summer, when discussing Bel Aire's growth, Smith looked back on the city's three-decade history and said a sense of community is something city leaders "have worked on for a long time."

While the city's current financial state had some residents thinking it would be easier to be part of Wichita before the finalization of the 2011 budget this summer, current city leaders have fought to keep

that sense of community alive.

The biggest challenge the council faced during the 2011 budget process was finding a way to keep city services without drastically raising taxes.

Restructuring land debt payments, the city made it through. While there are a lot of difficult decisions ahead for Bel Aire's leaders, the worst may be behind them.

"There was never really doubt in my mind we would keep going," Martine said.

Martine has lived in Bel Aire since the mid-1970s. She began working part-time for the city in 1980 and has held a full-

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## Council may get help to sell land

City evaluating marketing proposals

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire has managed to stay afloat despite its land debt, and there are positive signs pointing to an improving economy. However, selling land remains the city's top priority and will be so for the foreseeable future.

With increasingly larger interest payments staring Bel Aire's future in the face, the city can't afford much delay in seeing a return on vacant lots.

At the Oct. 19 city council meeting, Mayor Harold Smith discussed the possibility of Bel Aire hiring a marketing professional, brought on with the sole purpose of selling land.

Smith acknowledged it was difficult to think about bringing on more burden to the city's budget, but said that having someone dedicated to selling land could ultimately result in a significant payoff for Bel Aire.

The Oct. 19 meeting was an opportunity for Smith to fill the council in on his thoughts. The primary questions regarding how much money would be needed to hire someone to assist with land sales and where money would come from to pay for the hire have yet to be answered.

While no formal action was taken and there's likely a lot more discussion necessary before the city would hire someone to help sell land, the council agreed that Bel Aire must be proactive.

Council member Gary Breault said the council should do some homework and find out how much it would cost the city to contract someone to market and sell land. Dave Sly agreed that contracting would likely be the best option if the city finds a way to make a hire.

Smith said the city also needs to do more planning on debt management. Before former Assistant City Manager Matt Stiles left his position at City Hall, Smith said Stiles did well showing land income and costs as separate items in the city budget.

Smith said the city needs to think about how it will use proceeds from land sales. He pointed out that the obvious purpose of land proceeds is to pay off interest payments.

However, he said that for interest to be reduced, Bel Aire must also pay off the principal cost of land.

Smith said Bel Aire needs to develop a strategy to determine how much land sale proceeds should go toward interest payments and how much should be dedicated to paying off the principal.

Council member Dave Austin said that Bel Aire is "at a real crossroads," and voiced support of hiring someone dedicated to selling land for the city if funds become available.





Mayor's corner

By Harold Smith

# Growth projected with new schools

There is nothing new to report on city-owned land. There are, however, several possible sales being discussed. Also, we sent out several request for proposals on marketing the land. The proposals received are now being studied. I get the feeling that some folks are waiting until after the election to proceed on any major development plans.

The school district had a groundbreaking celebration for the new high school and K-8 school in Bel Aire. They pointed out that it has been 30 years since their last high school was built. They also project a lot of residential growth in the northeast part of their district (Kechi and Bel Aire). Both schools are scheduled to open in the fall of 2012. There has already been a lot of dirt moved at both locations. The school's boundaries and the name of the schools have not yet been decided.

I am often asked how many employees we have in Bel Aire and what their jobs are. This month, I will discuss the administrative staff at City Hall. City manager is Ty Lasher. City clerk is Vicki Bradford. Treasurer is Chris Yoho. Utility clerk is Betty Martine. Building inspector is Keith Price. Financial director is Michelle Meyer. Court clerk is Kellie Barker. Customer service is Jamie Hayes. Part-time administrative assistant is Rebecca Meyer. Part-time accounting clerk is Stacey Cook.

I hope this will help you get acquainted and direct you to the right person to answer your questions.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dreaming to be different

There is an odd group of folks from all economic classes, races and under-standings of God that gather as a community of God on Sunday mornings. The people at Kechi United Methodist Church are different. They not only go to church but you can see in their daily lives that they have some peculiar ways. They take seriously their time alone with God, and they are so full of Christ that they love and serve others, even those who don't love them in return. I am beginning to believe that the people of Kechi UMC are not of this world but living in the kingdom of God every day.

People come to this church community to be healed and to experience abundant life. Some of the people entered the community brokenhearted and discouraged; they came to find hope and God's love. And they were welcomed and warmly embraced. All the folks have experienced poverty of some kind — economic, spiritual or emotional — and it is in the broken places that they allow God to begin to transform their lives.

This is a community led by the Holy Spirit, where people are maladjusted to this world. They are students of Jesus who genuinely try to show God's love in every encounter with others. They have let go of fear, worry, greed, hate and racism and see Christ in everyone they encounter and serve.

Kechi UMC is a good and beautiful community. Check our website at [www.kechiumc.org](http://www.kechiumc.org) for up-to-date ministry opportunities or call 744-1221 for more information. Pastor Guy E. Rendoff can reached at 650-2549.

— Sheila O'Connor, church program coordinator, Kechi United Methodist Church

### A tale of two cities

Are there two cities named Bel Aire, Kan.? I know there is a Bel Aire that our family calls home. There must also be another Bel Aire. Each month in the "Mayor's corner" column there is also a Bel Aire with a dismal outlook whose future is totally dependent on land sales. These monthly reports cast a dismal, negative tone on any future for Bel Aire. Where are the positives about this Bel Aire?

My family moved from Wichita to Bel Aire in 2000. We found Bel Aire to be appealing and a nice quiet community to raise our family. We found out after we moved in that Bel Aire was not immune from challenges. It also became apparent that the City of Wichita and some of its elected officials wanted very much to engulf and devour Bel Aire. It was clear that Wichita wanted to surround and choke Bel Aire as it did Eastborough. This was to prohibit any future growth of Bel Aire. This bothered me.

After attending some Bel Aire City Council meetings, I ran for city council. I was elected and served from 2001 to 2005. It was then I saw first-hand the dilemma that perplexed Bel Aire. With Wichita limiting our water and sewer services, Bel Aire could no longer expand. If Bel Aire did not expand, it would be surrounded by Wichita in short order.

Your elected officials sought many ways to expand the Bel Aire boundaries and to keep Wichita from annexing the available land surrounding Bel Aire. The only alternative at that time was to create a water and sewer source and to purchase land. At that time, the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority was formed in partnership with Park City. Bel Aire also began purchasing land. It was a difficult decision. However, once it was made it was obviously the correct decision.

With the information I had back in 2001, I would make the same decision today. I personally have lost no sleep on this decision.

Bel Aire began acquiring land through the Chisholm Creek Development Authority LLC, a public-private partnership. Since then we have Central Park with new homes and developments and a new city hall. We have businesses that have relocated to Bel Aire. We have a new elementary school and new high school. These indicate an exciting future for Bel Aire.

If you elect good people, you become self-insured at no extra cost. What your elected officials do to the residents of Bel Aire includes them too. What they do to us, they do to their family, home, neighbors, taxes, etc.

I remain grateful for the leadership Mayor Gary O'Neal and the Bel Aire City Council from 2001 to 2005. They charted a course for Bel Aire and took the city to the next level. These decisions forged out a future of progress for our city. These years were a turning point in the positive direction for our city we call home. These tough decisions continue to show they were the correct decisions, and Bel Aire's future looks bright.

Back to two different Bel Aire cities. I see one Bel Aire that is thriving and growing. It is a place where residents feel secure. Law enforcement is moments away when needed. Crime is almost non-existent. It is a place where water bills are now under control. It is a city where many call home and few leave to move elsewhere in Sedgwick County. It is a city with infrastructure and a plan for the future. It is a city that we proudly call home!

This other Bel Aire I read about monthly in the "Mayor's corner." Its future is totally hinged on selling city-owned land at all costs, even a loss. Each month, the "Mayor's corner" in The Bel Aire Breeze paints a picture of gloom and doom. Bel Aire

is portrayed as a city that is ready to throw in the towel and surrender to Wichita. If we are observed as a city with a dismal outlook, how will we sell land? If we were truly in a financial challenge, a fire sale of land would not remedy the problem. I suggest it will make it worse. If one is truly concerned about land sales, one should work to portray an image that is upbeat and market Bel Aire as a place with a bright future. Our words in public media should make outsiders want to come in and insiders want to stay in Bel Aire. I ask, "Is the glass half full or half empty?"

Selling our land is not the solution. So far, we have not lost a dime with any of our land acquisition and resale. I am told that the money is there to make our next payment. I see new developments in Central Park. I see a new high school at 53rd North and Rock. We do have a future. We would not have this future if we did not own land and have enough water to service our residents.

Thank goodness for our other elected officials who live in my Bel Aire, a city with a bright future. I am grateful they too want to maintain the City of Bel Aire and not concede to Wichita. They do not live and serve in a Bel Aire where there is no hope unless we sell our land.

We must continue to carefully manage our land. I feel the majority of our elected officials and our city administrator and staff share my opinion. I placed my trust in them and continue to support them as they plan out our future. I want to publicly thank them for their watchful eye and direction as Bel Aire carefully moves forward with our city-owned land. I believe the majority can see past the next 30 days and see our bright future.

I am requesting our five elected city council members to give their personal thoughts of the land and the general future of Bel Aire in future Bel Aire Breeze issues.

— Mark Shelly, Bel Aire

## Include arena with coliseum support

On June 30, the Sedgwick County Commission made a wise move to pledge support for the Kansas Pavilions at the Kansas Coliseum complex. We appreciate the commission's support for the important agricultural sector of Sedgwick County, at times hidden in the shadow of aircraft manufacturing, the lifeblood of Wichita's economy.

On that final day of June, the commission unanimously agreed to keep the pavilions open through 2016 and approved \$432,129 in upgrades. We heard all the right things from commissioners regarding their appreciation for agriculture.

Our hope is that the commission continues to support the coliseum complex as a whole and finds a way to keep Britt Brown Arena from collecting mothballs. Regardless of who sits on the commission come January, we hope our county's leaders don't forget about the old barn. We think a wise option would be for the county to look at selling Britt Brown Arena to a private developer who has what it takes to get the most out of the facility.

We accept the role of Intrust Bank Arena, but that's not an excuse to abandon Britt Brown, when its revitalization would mean so much to many north Sedgwick County residents.

Right now, having the pavilions open with the adjacent arena closed doesn't feel right. It's like having the big slide at a water park shutoff from the public, which is confined to cool off in a nearby wave pool.

— The Bel Aire Breeze

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time position at City Hall since 1983.

After 27 years as a staple at City Hall, Martine announced she plans to retire in January. Despite current challenges, she's leaving the city in better shape than when it started.

"When the city started, we had no money," Martine said. "We had nothing."

Despite having "nothing" when the city was seeking incorporation, she said nearly every resident wanted no part of being annexed by Wichita. The primary reason residents didn't want to be annexed was because they didn't want to pay Wichita's higher property tax, Martine said.

She said residents also felt they had already forged an identity of their own for Bel Aire.

Martine was one of the city's representatives who walked around Bel Aire to collect signatures on a petition against Wichita's annexation plans in 1980.

"I walked a petition in the coldest weather in November you can think of," Martine said.

Despite the petition and support from Sedgwick County, Bel Aire's battle with Wichita was taken all the way to the Kansas Supreme Court before the city was awarded incorporation.

"It was the will of the people because we wanted to keep our past and move toward the future," Martine said. "... I don't recall anybody that refused to sign my petition."

Bill Brookhouser, one of the longest-living residents of Bel Aire, was in on the ground floor of the fight for incorporation. Brookhouser has lived at his home on

## Celebrating 30 years

Plans to celebrate Bel Aire's 30th birthday are still in the works. One of the plans is for a commemorative square to be built near City Hall, made of bricks with short messages or names on them.

Bel Aire City Administrator Ty Lasher said the bricks would be stacked at the east roundabout, leading up to City Hall.

Lasher said residents can purchase a commemorative brick by calling City Hall at 744-2451. Residents have until January to purchase a brick to be part of the 30th anniversary project, called "The commemorative brick project."

North Woodlawn since 1953.

He was instrumental in working closely with the county commission and building enough of a case for the Kansas Supreme Court to declare cityhood to Bel Aire.

For his efforts, Brookhouser was elected Bel Aire's first mayor in February 1981.

The former business owner served just one term as mayor because, he said, guiding the city took away from his catering business and it wasn't fair to his family.

"The last thing in the world I wanted to do was be a politician," Brookhouser said during a July interview.

As one of Bel Aire's founding fathers, Brookhouser was honored by having a park named after him in 1999. Brookhouser Park is located at the corner of North Rushwood and East 44th North.

Brookhouser shared a 50-page report on Bel Aire's

history, from the dawn of the improvement district in the 1950s through its current struggles with land debt.

Martine recalls how in the beginning, Bel Aire city employees worked out of the basement of Sedgwick County Fire Station No. 37. The council also met at the station.

Martine said council meetings had to conclude by 10 p.m. so firefighters could go to bed. The city also depended on well water.

With better drinking water, a rec center, a large city hall, fully staffed police force and continued expansion, Smith said he's pleased with the state of his community apart from debt on about 1,600 acres of undeveloped land.

The land was purchased with optimism in 2002. Through the 1990s, Bel Aire witnessed major growth, more than doubling in size from 1990 to 1998.

"I think the city has come a long way," Smith said. "Through trial and error, besides the debt, I think we've got things moving in the right direction."

## Dinner with the Doctors

## Health Care Reform

*What does it mean to the people served by Newton Medical Center?*

**What:** Dr. Charles Craig, Orthopedic Surgeon and Past President of the Kansas Medical Society and Dr. Steve Kelly, CEO of Newton Medical Center

**When:** Tuesday, November 9th  
\$5 Buffet Dinner at 5:30 p.m. • Free Program at 6 p.m.

**Where:** The Newton Medical Center cafeteria north end.

Call Tina to RSVP at 316-804-6005.



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## CITY OF BEL AIRE UPCOMING EVENTS

# November

Nov. 2: Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 3: Chamber Meeting, 12:00 noon  
Nov. 3: Municipal Court, 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 8: REAP Meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
Nov. 9: Water Board, 2:30 p.m.  
Nov. 11: Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.  
Nov. 13: SCAC Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Nov. 16: Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 18: Municipal Court, 13:30 p.m.  
Nov. 22: CCUA Meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
Nov. 22: Tree Board, 7:00 p.m.  
Nov. 25: Thanksgiving, Offices Closed  
Nov. 26: Thanksgiving, Offices Closed

# NOTES FROM CITY HALL

## 30th Anniversary Brick Project

This year marks Bel Aire's 30th Anniversary as an incorporated city. In honor of this special period in our history, the City of Bel Aire will be coordinating a commemorative brick square near City Hall. Engraved bricks will be used in the square and citizens will have the opportunity to purchase bricks with personalized inscriptions. To purchase

a brick fill out a purchase form and send to:  
City of Bel Aire  
ATTN: Rebecca Meyer  
7651 E. Central Park Ave.  
Bel Aire, KS 67226  
Or visit:<http://www.belaireks.gov/AnniversaryBrickProject.cfm>

## New Utility Bill Format

The Utility Department will begin sending out bills in a new format starting in January 2011. Utility bills will be sent in full

page sealed letter format instead of the current postcard formatting. Do not discard any letters from the City without opening and reading the information.

## Volunteers for City Boards

The City Council is always looking for citizens who want to impact the community by volunteering on one of the City Boards. Interested citizens should contact a member of the City Council or the Mayor.

# Bel Aire Senior Center

*All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use.*

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or [reberhard@belaireks.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaireks.gov). Officer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday *(Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings.)*

*Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County*

Sr. Walking Bridge Aerobics	Every weekday, 8 to 9 a.m., Bel Aire Rec Center
Wii time	Every Tuesday, 1 p.m. Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. By request or when the senior center is available.
Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck Dinner and Senior Meeting. Bring one food dish (serves 8) to share with others and your own table service. Drinks are provided. All area Veteran's will be honored for Veterans Day 2010. Come enjoy a patriotic and musical video presentation to help pay tribute to all branches of the Armed Service. The public is always invited. Complimentary US flags will be available to all guests.
Nov. 2	General Election Day. Get out and vote.
Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m.	Senior Advisory Board Meeting in Sr. Center (open meeting).
Nov. 5, 9 a.m.	Senior Breakfast @ Subway Sandwich Shop, 3233 N. Rock Rd.
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.	Central Park HOA Meeting at the Sr. Center.
Nov. 9, 10 a.m.	NEW. Basic Computer Class at the Sr. Center. Come learn the basics of the internet, email, virus and spyware protection for your computer, plus Q & A time. Register in advance with Senior Director at 744-2451 ext. 121 Free to Seniors.
Nov. 10, 12 p.m.	Bel Aire Lions Club lunch & meeting at the Senior Center. Visitors invited but RSVP in advance with the Senior Director if you want lunch.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day 2010. Show your appreciation and invite a Veteran to breakfast, lunch or supper and say thanks.
Nov. 12, 9 a.m.	Senior Breakfast at Subway Sandwich Shop, 3233 N. Rock Rd.
Nov. 13, 11 a.m.	Senior Red Hat Society "Bingo Games" at the Senior Center, bring a covered dish and a wrapped white elephant gift. RSVP to Sue at 634-2770 or Carolyn at 744-2313.
Nov. 19, 9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Senior Breakfast at Subway Sandwich Shop, 3233 N. Rock Rd. Holiday Special. Sign up early to join other seniors going to the Mosley Street Melodrama in Old Town in Wichita and see "Wyatt Earp Meets Little Richard Simmons at the OK Corral". RSVP by 11-12-10 to Sr. Director's Office. Mail a check for \$23 pp which includes dinner and a show to Senior Director ASAP.
Nov. 23, 10 a.m.	New. 2nd Computer Class at the Sr. Center. Come learn how to tell if it's time to upgrade your computer. Do you need to buy a new PC or go to a wireless system or use a mouse. What about Windows XP vs. Windows 7? Plus Q&A time. Register in advance with the Senior Director at 744-2451 ext. 121. Free to seniors.
Nov. 24, 12 p.m.	Bel Aire Lions Club lunch and meeting at the Senior Center. Visitors always invited.
Nov. 25 & 26	City Hall and Senior Center closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.
	Special Christmas Light Tour: On Sunday Dec 5 at 8 p.m. on a Charters River City Trolley. Cost \$15 pp. Mail check ASAP to Senior Director's Office to reserve your space and get more details. (Only 28 seats available on a trolley).
	Senior Center Cookbooks on sale soon. Only \$10 a book. These books will be on sale soon with the best recipes from fellow seniors, family members and friends. Purchase one or more for a Christmas gift today.
	Stop by Senior Director's office or Sr. Center to get application for "30 year Celebration Brick Project". Applications and information will also be available on Nov. 1 at the monthly Potluck Dinner registration table. (Cost)



# Bel Aire part of Click It or Ticket campaign

By The Breeze staff

Each year, the Bel Aire Police Department joins law enforcement agencies across the country for the annual Click It or Ticket campaign to promote seat belt usage. This year's campaign will take place Nov. 22 through 28.

The Bel Aire Police Department and other law enforcement agencies will be increasing traffic enforcements, with additional officers on the roads in the state to enforce occupant protection and other traffic laws. The Kansas Department of Transportation has provided a grant again this year to fund

the extra enforcement efforts. The program is targeted at reducing the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes. Officers will be aggressively enforcing seat belt, child restraint (including seat belts and child passenger safety

seats), speed and impaired driving violations. The Thanksgiving Day holiday falls during the Click It or Ticket campaign and with additional travelers on the road, it's imperative to follow Kansas traffic laws, authorities said. A Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant

provided by KDOT will allow extra officers to patrol the roads and streets in the state. "The Kansas Department of Transportation is dedicated to traffic safety in Kansas," said Bel Aire Chief John Daily. "Once again, they have provided a STEP grant, which will allow officers throughout the state addi-

tional time to spend enforcing violations which often contribute to crashes. Nearly 70 percent of people killed in traffic crashes in Kansas in 2008 were not properly restrained. It's important to use safety belts and child restraints, as they are your best protection should you be involved in a crash."

## POLICE REPORTS

**Oct. 14** — Officer McGuire assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 3200 block of North Greenwich.  
**Oct. 14** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4100 block of North Parkwood.  
**Oct. 14** — Officer Swanson responded to a vehicle accident in the 5800 block of East 47th North.  
**Oct. 14** — Sgt. Spencer responded to a vehicle accident in the 4700 block of Farmstead.  
**Oct. 14** — Officer Foxx found property in the 6000 block of East Clarendon.  
**Oct. 13** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Roderick E. Banks on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 13** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Jessica Bullock on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.  
**Oct. 13** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 4800 block of East 48th North.  
**Oct. 12** — Sgt. Spencer found property at 7651 E. Central Park Ave.  
**Oct. 12** — Sgt. Griggs arrested Vince M. Knacksteadt on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5700 block of East 37th North.  
**Oct. 11** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a public nuisance in the 3900 block of North Parkwood.  
**Oct. 11** — Officer McGuire arrested Jerry D. Brown on charges of simple assault and resisting arrest in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 11** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Jerry A. Downy on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 6000 block of East 53rd North.  
**Oct. 11** — Officer Toomey assisted EMS in the 5700 block of East Kenawee.  
**Oct. 10** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 10** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 4200 block of North St. James Court.  
**Oct. 10** — Officer Swanson responded to a vehicle accident at Perryton and Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 10** — Officer Hutton responded to a disturbance in the 6100 block of East Danbury.  
**Oct. 9** — Officer Foxx issued traffic citations in the 5800 block of East 45th North.  
**Oct. 8** — Officer Steele responded to the report of a suspicious character at 49th Street North and Farmstead.  
**Oct. 7** — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a larceny in the 6700 block of East 45th Street North.  
**Oct. 7** — Officer Foxx assisted the sheriff's office at 3500 N. Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 7** — Sgt. Griggs assisted the Wichita Police Department in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 6** — Lt. Enterkin responded to an alarm in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 5** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Fredric A. Crabtree II on a

charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.  
**Oct. 5** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Calvin D. Dotson on a charge of possession of illegal narcotics in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 4** — Officer McGuire assisted the sheriff's office in the 9900 block of North 79th North.  
**Oct. 4** — Officer McGuire arrested Alvaro Osorim-Garcia on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Oct. 4** — Officer Swanson responded to a vehicle accident in the 5500 block of East 45th North.  
**Oct. 4** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a larceny in the 4400 block of North St. James Place.  
**Oct. 4** — Officer Toomey checked the welfare of a person in the 6400 block of East Rodeo.  
**Oct. 3** — Officer Brandewiede issued a traffic citation in the 3800 block of North Oliver.  
**Oct. 3** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4300 block of North Auburn.  
**Oct. 2** — Officer Brandewiede responded to the request for a civil standby in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest.  
**Oct. 2** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4500 block of North St. James.  
**Oct. 2** — Officer Foxx arrested Michael L. Goodson on a charge of DUI and on a Sedgwick County bench warrant.  
**Oct. 1** — Officer McGuire responded to a vehicle accident in the 6400 block of East Central Park Avenue.  
**Oct. 1** — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 4200 block of North Westlake.  
**Sept. 30** — Officer McGuire arrested Matthew S. McCormick on a City of Wichita bench warrant at 5800 E. 37th North.  
**Sept. 30** — Officer Swanson arrested Jason A. Friese on a charge of possession of marijuana in the 4400 block of North Webb.  
**Sept. 29** — Officer McGuire arrested Michael T. O'Toole on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4400 block of North Oliver.  
**Sept. 29** — Officer Hazelwood responded to a larceny in the 4800 block of North Battin.  
**Sept. 29** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest.  
**Sept. 29** — Officer Foxx checked the welfare of a person in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 28** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Dian P. Ingram on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4900 block of North Oliver.  
**Sept. 28** — Officer Brandewiede checked the welfare of a person in the 6000 block of East Danbury.  
**Sept. 28** — Officer Swanson responded to a larceny in the 6300 block of East Quail Ridge.  
**Sept. 28** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an alarm in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest.  
**Sept. 27** — Officer McGuire responded to a vehicle accident at 45th North and Edgemoor.  
**Sept. 27** — Officer Brandewiede

assisted the Rose Hill Police Department in the 4800 block of East 37th North.  
**Sept. 27** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a public nuisance in the 4400 block of North Rushwood Court.  
**Sept. 26** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of lost property in the 4400 block of North Janesville.  
**Sept. 26** — Officer Steele arrested James St. Clair on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5300 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 25** — Officer Brandewiede arrested James W. Greathouse on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 6100 block of North Rock Road.  
**Sept. 24** — Officer McGuire arrested Rhiana C. Sowell on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 45th North.  
**Sept. 24** — Detective Pentecost assisted the sheriff's office in the 12000 block of East 53rd.  
**Sept. 24** — Sgt. Spencer assisted the fire department in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 24** — Sgt. Spencer responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.  
**Sept. 24** — Officer McGuire responded to an occupational accident in the 5500 block of East 45th North.  
**Sept. 23** — Officer McGuire responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 23** — Officer Swanson assisted the sheriff's office in the 200 block of West Central in Greenwood.  
**Sept. 23** — Officer McCaslin assisted the Kechi Police Department in the 300 block of Cheyenne.  
**Sept. 23** — Sgt. Griggs assisted the Wichita Police Department in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 23** — Officer Steele arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5800 block of East 37th North.  
**Sept. 22** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Eugene L. Gastil on City of Wichita and Cowley County warrants at 37th North and Cozy Drive.  
**Sept. 22** — Sgt. Spencer arrested Jason B. Smith on a charge of driving

with a suspended license in the 5000 block of North Oliver.  
**Sept. 22** — Officer McCaslin provided a civil standby in the 4300 block of North Rushwood Court.  
**Sept. 22** — Officer Foxx responded to a trash dump in the 8900 block of East 53rd North.  
**Sept. 22** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 4600 block of North Krueger.  
**Sept. 21** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Patrick J. Shea Jr. on a charge of possession of narcotics in the 5100 block of East 39th North.  
**Sept. 21** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Edward J. Vulgamore on a Sedgwick County warrant in the 5100 block of East 39th North.  
**Sept. 21** — Detective Pentecost arrested Gerrod D. Ackerman on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 21** — Officer Hazelwood responded to a larceny in the 4400 block of North Gunnison.  
**Sept. 21** — Officer Hazelwood assisted the fire department in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.  
**Sept. 21** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4500 block of North Fritillary.  
**Sept. 20** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a vandalism in the 4900 block of Highland.  
**Sept. 19** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Jacob Lee Cox on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5000 block of East 53rd North.  
**Sept. 19** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Eric Scott Wendt on a charge of possession of narcotics in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 19** — Officer Hutton arrested Collin G. Clark on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 39th and Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 19** — Officer Swanson responded to a disturbance in the 4400 block of East Janesville.  
**Sept. 19** — Officer Brandewiede assisted the Newton Police Department at mile marker 29 on I-135.  
**Sept. 18** — Officer McGuire responded to a vehicle accident in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor.  
**Sept. 18** — Officer McGuire arrested Whitney L. Jennings on a

charge of DUI in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor.  
**Sept. 18** — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 18** — Officer McCaslin assisted the fire department in the 6600 block of East 44th North.  
**Sept. 18** — Officer Foxx arrested Alex Wade Schmidt on a charge of DUI in the 4600 block of North Rock Road.  
**Sept. 17** — Officer McGuire assisted the fire department at 39th North and Auburn.  
**Sept. 16** — Detective Pentecost arrested John G. Reed-Basks on a Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office felony warrant in the 2400 block of East Ellen.  
**Sept. 16** — Officer Steele arrested Ernie L. McCart on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 53rd North and Oliver.  
**Sept. 16** — Officer Foxx assisted Park City Police Department in the 6200 block of North Broadway.  
**Sept. 15** — Detective Pentecost

responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4800 block of Elk Creek.  
**Sept. 15** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a vehicle accident in the 3700 block of North Oliver.  
**Sept. 15** — Detective Pentecost responded to a forgery in the 4300 block of North Country Lane.  
**Sept. 15** — Officer Swanson responded to a vehicle accident in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst Court.  
**Sept. 15** — Officer Foxx assisted the Wichita Police Department in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 15** — Officer Foxx issued a traffic violation in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 14** — Officer Hazelwood arrested Arlene K. Flores on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn.  
**Sept. 14** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 5600 block of East Denise.

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# Bel Aire welcomes new finance director

By Matt Heilman

With previous experience as a fiscal analyst with the Wichita Police Department, Michelle Meyer has brought her skills to Bel Aire City Hall as the city’s new finance director.

The role was previously filled by former Assistant City Manager Matt Stiles, who left Bel Aire in September to accept the full-time position of city administrator for South Hutchinson. Meyer, who holds a master’s

degree in public administration from Wichita State University, had classes with Stiles. Her degree contains facets of public finance, she said. Meyer said when she saw the opening for the position of Bel Aire’s financial director; she fig-

ured “it couldn’t hurt to apply.” With challenges ahead working with Bel Aire’s budget, Meyer said she brings a broad financial background and efficiency in finding new and improved ways to operate that should serve her well at City

Hall. She said she has a lot to learn, but is enjoying the experience working for Bel Aire so far. Meyer’s first day at City Hall was Oct. 4. “So far, I’ve worked well with people,” she said.



Meyer

# Bel Aire runners do well at Prairie Fire

By The News staff

Several Bel Aire residents participated in the Prairie Fire races Oct. 10 in Wichita.

In the marathon, Scott Ramser, 41, was 123rd with 3:47.42, Jennifer Garrett, 40, was 276th in 4:18.35).

Bel Aire residents in the half marathon (their places and their times) were Doug Johnson, 53, (56, 1:35.48), Mark Thome, 37, (190, 1:47.40), Brent Melroy, 30, (276, 1:51.40), Brian Doom, 34, (443, 1:58.30), Michael Carper, 51, (581, 2:03.43), Sid Collatie, 45, (739, 2:08.00), Andrew Shepherd, 30, (1,042, 2:19.04), Ted Snodgrass, 49, (1,062, 2:20.07), Monica Kruse, 33, (1,215, 2:26.23), Melanie Traschinski, 28, (1,258, 2:29.00), Kelly Looney, 54, (1,438, 2:42.02), Bonnie Walker, 53, (1,523, 2:55.58).

In the 5K, Micah Labrayere, 13, of Bel Aire, placed second in the male

13-15 age group with a time of 19:22. He was 11th overall. David Roush, 35, of Bel Aire, placed first in the male 35-39 age group with a

time of 20:03. He was 14th overall. David Brauner, 43, of Bel Aire, placed second in the male 40-44 age group with a time of 23:11. He was

56th overall. The overall male winner’s time was 15:58. The overall female winner’s time was 19:24.

Others from Bel Aire who

ran the 5K (and their place and time) were Sarah Myose, 12, (119, 26:00), Doug Hanna, 27, (125, 26:10), Julie Belcher, 38, (345, 32:02),

Lela Schrott, 41, (346, 32:03), Traci Colliatie, 44, (469, 35:23), Dezert Abrams, 32, (617, 43:29) and Anna Hess, 54, (620, 44:00).

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Bel Aire Senior Center has collected more than 400 recipes from area senior center members, their families and friends and compiled the recipes into a cookbook.

The cookbook, called “What’s Cookin’ in the Neighborhood,” will go on sale in mid-November.

Cookbooks may be purchased from any member of the Bel Aire Senior Center Advisory Board, senior director Rick Eberhard or at the front office of Bel Aire City Hall.

All proceeds will go back into the community, possibly to purchase American flags to display on light posts

along Bel Aire’s main roads.

For more information, contact Eberhard at 744-2451, extension 121, e-mail reberhard@belaireks.gov or stop by the Senior Center office at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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The University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment will honor area students at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Wichita State University Eugene M. Hughes Metro complex. The students will be recognized for the academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars.

Area students include:

Sarah Grimm, Matthew Ronald McKernan, and Margaret Seiler from Bishop Carroll High School; Jacob Ewers, Seamus Bann, Matthew Louie, Kelly Pham, David Auer, Erin Coulter, Jennifer Rider and Chris Wierman from Kapaun Mount Carmel High School; Rebekah Miller and Tahlia Pope from Northeast Magnet High School; George Swartzendruber from Sunrise Christian Academy; Rachel Vogler, Charles Welch and Louisa Wood from Trinity Academy; Amanda Johnson, Troy Gurney, and Han Tu from Wichita Collegiate School; Shelby Davis, Lauren Diec, Emily English,

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Faflick, Lauren Graber, Saira Hernandez, Salman Husain, Luci Orsi, Maikhoi Pham, Emily Provencher, Wei Shi, Senda Vu, Ellery Wadman-Goetsch, Jennifer Wiebe and Eric Yang from Wichita High School East; Claire Frederick, Andrew Furry, Lydia Harris, Dorree Hicks, Rosibel Huerta, Tiphany Lynch, Yaizmin Martinez, Y Ngo, Brittany Roberts, Nicole Shaw, Hannah Silverthorne, McKenzie Strother and Jeffrey Wherritt from Wichita High School North; Linda Mai, Huynhmy Phan, Karson Record and Lily Tay from Wichita High School Southeast.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday service times are 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship and 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside) across from Heights High School.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

### Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord’s Day are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school Web site is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the pastor.

### Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday evening, prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

### Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

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Crossroads Cribs ministry areas. We also have contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Lead pastor is David Norman and associate pastor is Jeff Mullen.

Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at www.crossroadswichita.com.

### Fairmount United Church of Christ

A community church located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (south of WSU main entrance).

Rev. Dr. Monte Gravenstein, interim minister, leads Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study begins at 9:30. Children’s church and nursery are at 10:30. For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org.

### Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

### Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee following the service.

Pastor Natalie can be reached at 773-2300 or 744-0203.

Pastor Natalie is at the church Thursdays from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free coffee and donuts Thursday mornings from 5:30 to 9 a.m.

Monterrey dinner Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit the church online at Grenwichsumc.org.

The church is located about

a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road.

### Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221, its website is www.kechiumc.org and its e-mail address is kechiumc@hotmail.com.

Sunday praise band and worship are at 9:03 a.m. Sunday school is at 10. Worship is at 11.

The church is collecting 18-ounce jars of peanut butter and tuna fish for the United Methodist Open Door Food Ministry.

### Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children’s church are at

10:45. The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

### Pine Valley Christian Church

Located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

### True Life Church

True Life Church is a new church that officially launched 10/10/10 at 10:10 a.m.

True Life Church meets at Circle Greenwich Elementary (Just north of K-96 on Greenwich Road). Arrive early for coffee, juice and donuts. Let the kids explore the TLC Kids Zone; there is something for all kids from birth through 5th grade. True

Life Church has gospel-centered contemporary music and biblical messages delivered by lead pastor Norm Duncan.

For more information, call 978-9292 or visit www.experienceTLC.com.

### University United Methodist Church

Located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m., traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Phil Shull is the pastor.

Send your church’s upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

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The marketing effort to draw visitors to The Landing’s Oct. 14 open house included refreshments and a live and. The five homes on display Oct. 14 are in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range.

# Landing opens in Central Park

By **Matt Heilman**

On Oct. 14, a grand-opening event complete with refreshments and a live band introduced Central Park’s newest addition to the public. The Landing, located three-quarters of a mile north of the intersection of 45th North and Rock Road, has five completed homes that were introduced Oct. 14; two available homes and three models.

The homes were part of the first phase of The Landing.

Richelle Knotts, new homes sales manager with J.P. Weigand, said “some good prospects” visited The Landing Oct. 14.

“We just needed to get the exposure out and let people know that we’re here,” Knotts said.

The homes in the first phase of The Landing were listed between \$150,000 and \$200,000.



Real estate professionals and the general public visited The Landing addition in Central Park Oct. 14. Five ranch-style homes in the addition have been built as part of The Landing’s first phase.

# Key development seeing progress

## Alternative energy firm part of first phase

By **Matt Heilman**

Not much dirt has moved in the Tierra Verde development in Bel Aire, but the last several months have been encouraging for local architect Paul Cavanaugh.

In the spring of 2009, former schoolteacher Terrie Grillot purchased 77 acres of land from the City of Bel Aire near 47th North along Webb Road.

About nine months before the purchase, Grillot, president of Tierra Verde Development Co. LLC, introduced ideas for a multimillion-dollar development.

Cavanaugh, who became Grillot’s partner with Tierra Verde, said the development started in 2008 with Grillot’s idea to bring a \$14 million health and wellness spa to 20 acres. The spa will serve as a surgical recovery center. From there, Cavanaugh said he convinced Grillot to buy more land than she needed, optimistic that there’d be plenty of interested builders and business owners. The economic downturn didn’t help as Tierra Verde’s development was slowed.

Grillot purchased the acreage from Bel Aire shortly before the downturn hit the area.

“The financial structure has just changed immensely,” Cavanaugh said.

For about a year, most of the discussion among Bel Aire city staff and council members has focused on the city’s own development and the benefit of bringing two new USD 259 schools to the community.

But about nine months ago, Tierra Verde got a much-needed shot in the arm.

“We’ve had really exciting progress actually,” Cavanaugh said in September. “We’ve been really encour-

aged by some of the people showing interest.”

Among those contracted to build in Tierra Verde is a group called The Energy Tunnel, which recently purchased a parcel of land in the development. Cavanaugh said the group is looking to build a prototype for an alternative energy generator on three acres.

The acreage sits on a rail line, which Cavanaugh said is a major benefit for the Energy Tunnel if the prototype is accepted and the group expands its operation in Tierra Verde.

Cavanaugh said five parcels of ground have sold in Tierra Verde. In September, developers had four letters of intent from clients. The first three parcels sold to get the ball rolling were for the surgical recovery center, organic gardens and a sports complex, consisting of baseball, softball and soccer fields.

There are also plans to build a facility for Butler County Community College at Tierra Verde, Cavanaugh said. More development ideas are in the works, picking up steam with progress finally happening in the development.

The parcels sold so far are part of Phase 1, which encompasses 77 acres.

Cavanaugh said there are three phases planned for Tierra Verde. The second and third phases will total more than 150 acres.

Besides the three phases, Cavanaugh said he sees a major upside for development with the proposed 800-acre industrial park near Tierra Verde between Greenwich and Webb.

Cavanaugh admits he

can’t pinpoint why the interest in Tierra Verde has heated up while most commercial developments continue to struggle. He said one of the draws could be the development’s dedication to build green, making buildings meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) certification.

Cavanaugh said building green doesn’t have to result in spiked construction costs. He said energy efficiency can be reached with inexpensive and common-sense practices, such as constructing buildings with recycled materials.

In late October, he said a group of investors was being formed to purchase and develop single family homes to the north of the development near 53rd North, using “a lot of sustainable, recycled materials.”

The five parcels sold in the south division are enough to start infrastructure in Tierra Verde, Cavanaugh said. The City of Bel Aire has \$3 million dedicated to Tierra Verde’s infrastructure, but developers had to meet guidelines, reaching a set mark on land sales or presenting a \$500,000 letter of credit before infrastructure could begin.

In late October, Cavanaugh said construction on roads and streets at the development should begin “very soon.”

“The way the first phase is clipping along here all of a sudden. Probably in the next two years or so, we’ll be moving on to the next phase,” he said.

## DEATHS

### Raymonda Harris

Raymonda Mae “Ronnie” Harris, sister of Jean Snyder of Bel Aire, 79, died Oct. 10, 2010.

Ronnie was born December 14, 1930, in Stafford, to John Raymond and Ruthie Mae Waples Claypool. She attended the Stafford school system. She was employed by Crocker Anglo Bank and later became an antiques dealer in Folsom and Palm Springs, Calif. She retired in 2004.

On June 11, 1955, she married Rocky B. Harris in Sacramento, Calif. They resided in El Dorado Hills and Palm Springs, Calif. for 50 years before moving to Wichita in 2005. She had two daughters, Susan Colleen Marcott of Wichita and Victoria Lynn Breshears of Sacramento. Ronnie also had two grandsons, Rocky Marshall Breshears and Nathaniel Raymond Breshears.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jimmy Ray Claypool. Survivors include her husband, Rocky; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan Marcott of Wichita and Victoria and James Breshears of Sacramento; two grandsons, Rocky Breshears and Nathaniel Breshears of Sacramento; one brother, Gerald “Jerry” Claypool of Stafford; two sisters, Jean Snyder of Bel Aire, and Linda Vandeventer of Tahlequah, Okla.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral was Oct. 20, 2010 at Cornerstone Mortuary of Wichita.

### Jeanne Razak

Jeanne Marie Razak, 61, died Oct. 16, 2010.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ken and Lillian McCall Razak.


She is survived by nieces, Maria and Mark Keil of Bel

Aire; Stephanie and Geoff Coleman of Alpharetta, Ga.; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy Louise and Denis Symes, of Vienna, Va.; great-nephew and niece, Ashton and Ella Coleman; uncles, Nevell Razak, of Parker, Colo., and Danny Razak, of Abilene; aunts, Thelma

Davis, of Newton, and Eula Megli, of Evansville, Ind.

Memorial service was Oct. 20, 2010 at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East.

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